

Maryland Cancer Registry
Quarterly Reporters Teleconference
October 21, 2008

Attendance:

DHMH - D. Dwyer, K. Stern, J. Hayes, D. Rich, A. Ahmad

Westat - A. Solis, D. Haegele, D. Calicutt, V. Ralda, P. Ke, M. Mesnard

Reporters and Registrars

21st Century Oncology – Bel Air, Greenbelt, Atlantic, Riverside

Baltimore Washington Medical Center – A. Oakkar

Good Samaritan Hospital – C. Stromyer

Harbor Hospital Center – C. Riley

Johns Hopkins Bay View Medical Center – W. Laughlin

LabCorp – Herndon, VA – M. Raymond

Lifebridge Health – J. McLaughlin

Malcolm Grove Hospital – V. Proctor

Maryland General Hospital – S. Blecker

Maryland Regional Cancer Care – Bowie -

Union of Cecil County – P. Sands

Union Memorial Hospital – L. Wilson, M. Sorrell

Washington Adventist Hospital – L. Corrigan

Western Maryland Health System, Cumberland – C. Robey

1. Welcome and DHMH Updates

- K. Stern called roll and welcomed all participants.
- K. Stern reviewed agenda and materials.
- K. Stern announced Amy Solis as the interim Westat project director, and thanked Steve Peace – previous project director - for his hard work over the past 9 months.
- K. Stern reviewed materials currently available on the DHMH Website and reminded reporters the site is a resource to help answer reporting question <http://www.fha.state.md.us/cancer/registry>. K. Stern asked the reporters to review the website and make recommendations for enhancements. Recommendations may be submitted to K. Stern via email or telephone contact.

2. Update: Westat MCR QA/DM

- A. Solis announced M. Mesnard as Westat's new QA supervisor.
- The reporters were reminded that the quarterly Reporting Deadline was September 30, 2008.
- The reporters were acknowledged for their responsiveness in assisting the MCR CTR's with complying with the Medical Record Disease Index Requests and Death Clearance Follow-Back Requests. A. Solis reported that Westat will complete two years at one time next year to remedy backlog and provide more timely feedback on completeness of reporting.
- MCR QA/DM is planning to visit 10 facilities in December and January to conduct on-site re-casfinding (completeness) and re-abstracting (data quality) audits. Facilities will be notified in advance with instructions regarding preparations for the site visit and any local requirements necessary to accommodate the MCR QA/DM on-site review team. In response to a reporters' question about further detail on the audits, M. Mesnard responded that cases will be selected and re-abstracted for quality and completeness of casefinding procedures.
- A. Solis reported that the NAACCR Call for Data submission deadline is December 1. As a result, Westat is working diligently on a variety of data cleanup activities such as edit review,

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duplicate assessments and DCO/DCN creation. NPCR Call for Data submission is by the end of January, 2009. A. Solis reported that Westat will continue to be involved in data clean-up activities in order to ensure the high quality of the data being submitted.

- MCR Technical Help Line phone number, fax number, and e-mail address were provided and reporters were reminded to contact their MCR field representative contact when they have questions.
- A. Solis reminded the reporters that the due dates for reporting were listed on the agenda. See the table below for these dates.

3. 2008 – 2009 NAACCR Webinar Series

K. Stern announced that both DHMH and Westat will be offering the NAACCR webinars, in Baltimore and Rockville, respectively. The next webinar will be held on November 6th on Coding Pitfalls, and will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Anyone interested in participating should contact either D. Rich (410-767-7213) at DHMH or A. Solis (240-453-2676) at Westat.

4. Update TRAM

J. McLaughlin gave an update on TRAM activities. The following members are sitting on the education board: Linda Corrigan, Margie Jenkins and Donna Calicutt. The next TRAM meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 12th at Holy Cross Hospital. The agenda for the meeting will be distributed at least 3 weeks prior to the meeting.

4. The Value of Accurate Text in Cancer Registry

D. Calicutt presented an educational seminar on the value of recording accurate text descriptions. The slide presentation was distributed to all reporters prior to the teleconference.

5. Next Teleconference

- The next Reporters Teleconference will be held on February 3, 2009 from 9:30am-11 am.

Date of Diagnosis	Date reports due to MCR
January 1, 2008 - March 31, 2008	September 30, 2008
April 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008	December 31, 2008
July 1, 2008 - September 30, 2008	March 31, 2009
October 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008	June 30, 2009